

Public Information Statement
National Weather Service Albany NY
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...ANYONE PLANNING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ON LAKES...PONDS...
STREAMS...OR RIVERS IN EASTERN NEW YORK OR ADJACENT WESTERN NEW
ENGLAND THIS WEEKEND SHOULD USE EXTREME CAUTION...

A RECENT THAW COUPLED WITH SOME LOCALLY HEAVY RAINFALL HAS ACTED
TO WEAKEN THE ICE ON MANY BODIES OF WATER ACROSS THE REGION. IN
FACT SOME BODIES OF WATER ARE NOW COMPLETELY ICE FREE. DESPITE
COLDER TEMPERATURES FORECAST THIS WEEKEND...IT WILL TAKE TIME TO
MAKE NEW ICE OR THICKEN THE ICE WHICH ALREADY EXISTS.

FOR PEOPLE TO VENTURE OUT ON ICE...AN ICE THICKNESS OF 4 INCHES OR
GREATER IS RECOMMENDED...SNOWMOBILES AND ATVS NEED AT LEAST 5
INCHES...WHILE CARS AND LIGHT TRUCKS NEED AT LEAST 8 TO 12 INCHES.

FACTORS WHICH CAN BE USED TO ASSESS THE STRENGTH OF THE ICE INCLUDE
THE ICE APPEARANCE...THICKNESS...DAILY TEMPERATURE...SNOW
COVER...WATER DEPTH UNDER THE ICE...THE SIZE OF THE WATER
BODY...WATER CHEMISTRY...CURRENTS AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE LOAD ON
THE ICE.

IF YOU DO VENTURE OUT ON AN ICE COVERED BODY OF WATER DO NOT GO
ALONE...LET OTHERS KNOW WHERE YOU ARE PLANNING TO GO AND USE COMMON
SENSE.

IF YOU DO GET INVOLVED IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911 OR YOUR LOCAL
EMERGENCY NUMBER.

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